

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:216
ANSWERED ON:13.03.2008
HIGH SPEED PASSENGER CORRIDOR
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways had decided to implement the High Speed Passenger Corridor Project;
- (b) if so, the present status of the project;
- (c) the names of the State Governments who have shown interest in such high speed networks;
- (d) whether the preliminary reports regarding the technical feasibility and commercial viability have been obtained;and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Railways thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS(SHRI LALU PRASAD)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.216 BY MS INGRID MCLEOD AND SHRI RAVICHANDRAN SIPPIPARAI TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 13.03.2008 REGARDING HIGH SPPEE PASSENGER CORRIDOR.

(a)&(b): No, Sir.Ministry of Railways had decided only to conduct pre-feasibility studies for construction of high speed passenger corridors, one each in the Northern, Western, Southern and Eastern regions of the country.The selected corridors are as below:

- (i) Delhi-Chandigarh-Amritsar
- (ii) Pune-Mumbai-Ahmedabad
- (iii) Hyderabad-Dornakal-Vijaywada-Chennai
- (iv) Howrah-Haldia
- (v) Chennai-Bangalore-Coimbatore-Ernakulam

(c): State Governments of Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Haryana, Punjab, Kerala, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Delhi and West Bengal have expressed their interest in high speed trains and have agreed 'in principle' to participate in any pre-feasibility studies.

(d)&(e): No, Sir.Global Tenders for engaging the Consultant for conducting pre-feasibility studies are under process.A decision shall be taken only after these studies are completed and evaluated.